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FROM

THE MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

FRIENDS.

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 10th; and for discipline at Newport on second day morning, the 11th of sixth month, 1855.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island—Rowland Greene, Stephen Chace, Joseph Metcalf, Edmund Chace, Abner Slade, David Buffum, William A. Robinson, John Meader, William S. Perry and Samuel Boyd Tobey.

From Salem—Estes Newhall, Moses Huntington, Jr., Samuel Boyce, John Page, Stephen A. Chase and Nathan Breed, of Lynn.

From Sandwich—Edmund Gardner, Newell Hoxsie, Calvin Shepherd, Daniel Davis, Isaac R. Gifford, William C. Taber, Stephen Dillingham, John Macomber, Joseph Wing and George Easton.

From Falmouth—Thomas Jones, Nathan Pope, Henry M. Minot, Jesse Crossman, Stephen Cartland, Ezekiel Varney, Jr. and George P. Day.

From Smithfield—John Osborne, Charles Hadwen, John E. Fry, John Milton Earle and Paul Aldrich.

From Vassalboro'—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Eli Jones, Timothy Hanson, James Jones, Edmund Whitehouse, James Van Blarcum and Josiah Jones.

From Dover—Benajah Buffum, Ezra Gould, Jacob K. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum and Timothy Hanson.

From Fairfield—Allen Wing, Alden Sampson, David Douglas, William Farr, Joseph Taylor and Charles M. Bailey—

whose names being called, they were present, except seven, for the absence of five of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Thomas Willis, of Westbury and Jericho Monthly Meeting; Nanthaniel Sands, of Cornwall Monthly Meeting, New York; David Hunt, of Goshen Monthly Meeting—of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Isaac Jay, of Mississinawa Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Mary Ann Fisher, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York; and Phebe Bishop, of Norwich Monthly Meeting, Canada West; certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Luke Thomas, companion to our friend Isaac Jay, William P. Barker and Sarah T. Barker, companions to our friend Phebe Bishop, Sarah Ann Hunt, who accompanies her husband, David Hunt, and of Eli Haines, an Elder, and have received satisfactory testimonials from their several meetings.

The London Printed Epistle of 1854 was read at this time, and was interesting and edifying to us, and desiring to afford to Friends generally, within our limits, an opportunity of perusing it, and commending the excellent practical counsel and doctrine contained in it to their careful attention, we appoint our friends, George Howland, Jr., and William C. Taber, to

procure the re-printing of 3,500 copies to be placed in the hands of the representatives for distribution among our Quarterly Meetings, and the Committee is requested to report to a future sitting.

Interesting and very acceptable epistles addressed to this meeting by our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, were received and read, and these salutations of love, as in former times, are comforting and encouraging to us. Several of these communications contained the information that there had been presented to them two epistles, both purporting to emanate from Ohio Yearly Meeting, and referring us to accompanying documents to show upon what grounds they had severally come to the judgment to accept and respond to the Epistle signed by Jonathan Binns, as clerk. These documents have been read at this time, and this meeting, under a covering of much solemnity, after a very full expression, with entire unity, decided to accept and read an epistle now offered to us, signed by Jonathan Binns, as Clerk of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and we do acknowledge this body of Friends as the true Yearly Meeting of Ohio, and as brethren with whom we have unity. The painful circumstances detailed in this Epistle, and the difficulties and trials to which Friends in Ohio have been subjected for many years, called forth an expression of deep sympathy from this meeting, with a fervent desire that they may be enabled to look unto and receive from the adorable Head of the Church that wisdom, and strength, and comfort which come from Him alone—and it is, we trust, with humble gratitude we resume our correspondence with Ohio Yearly Meeting, so long interrupted by causes set forth in the Epistle now received from that body, which we refer, with the other Epistles addressed to this meeting, to the following friends to prepare essays of reply, and present them at a future sitting, viz: John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, Stephen A. Chase, William C. Taber, John Osborne, David Buffum, Gilbert Congdon, Charles Atherton, James Van Blarcum, Moses H.

Beede, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Joseph Davis, Rowland Greene, John Page, Newell Hoxie, Benjamin H. Jones, Alden Sampson, Joseph Metcalf, Nathan Douglas, Caleb Jones, Thomas S. Gifford, Stephen Jones, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Thomas Harkness, William A. Robinson, Charles R. Tucker, James Jones, Nathan Breed, John E. Fry, Jacob H. Vining, Isaac R. Gifford, Thomas Grover and Joseph C. Peckham.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon—Met pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Greene, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the meeting that they were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey, for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase, for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

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By the Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that *Rhode Island* has united with Swanzey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joseph Estes and Eunice Estes to the station of Elders; that *Falmouth* has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Eunice Day; with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Joshua Douglas, and with Limmington Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Naomi S. Parker and Anna Millikin to the station of Elders; that *Smithfield* has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles Hadwen, Joseph Gaskill, and Phebe Pond to the same station; that *Vassalboro* has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Josiah Jones, to the station of Elder, and with the same meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of James Van Blarcum, accidentally omitted to be communicated to this meeting in their report in 1853; that *Fairfield* has united with St. Alban's Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Sanford to the station of an Elder, and in

acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Eunice Winslow.

The Boarding School Committee presented their annual report, which was read and accepted; and we appoint the following Friends to take the whole subject of the affairs of the school into their solid and careful consideration, and report their views and judgment at a future sitting of this meeting; and also to propose the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year, viz.: Thomas Harkness, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William P. Howland, Joseph Taylor, Ebenezer Fry, William Mitchell, John E. Fry, Stephen Dillingham, Richard Battey, Henry M. Minott, Abner Slade, Stephen A. Chase, Ezra Gould, Daniel Beede, Samuel Boyce, Jesse Crossman, Joseph Cartland, William C. Taber, Isaiah Pope, Effingham L. Capron, Isaac R. Gifford, George Howland, Jr., William Farr, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Caleb Jones, William A. Robinson, Moses Huntington, Jr., John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Jr., David Buffum, David Kelly, Joseph Metcalf, Moses Sawyer, Daniel Page, Calvin Shepherd, William S. Boyce, Micajah C. Pratt, Albert C. Buffum, John Osborne and Perez Peck.

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Adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 12th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present except five.

The Meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society by reading the queries and the answers received from our subordinate meetings, and proceeded therein to the third inclusive. In this important engagement we were made reverently thankful for the solemn covering spread over us, and the evidence graciously afforded of faithful servants being qualified to impart salutary and awakening counsel and warning on account of deficiencies which still appear as spots upon us that need to be removed. The worship of our Heavenly Father,

which is first queried after, being a service of the most vital import, called forth much exercise to encourage all to a due consideration of its imperative nature upon every one of his created beings, all of whom are wholly dependent upon the daily extension of his abundant and unmerited mercies. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,"—*by the mercies of God*,—"that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." How strong is this appeal of the apostle to his fellow believers, in reminding them of the mercies of God as an incentive to the performance of this great and necessary duty; and *we* are equally called upon by the same consideration to present *our* bodies a living sacrifice that may be accepted by Him. We are not only required to assemble together for the purpose of worship, but we are not to expect to receive his blessing unless we are engaged to meet in a right way, and under a right concern, *in His name*. Then may we hope to meet the blessed Master. Then may we expect his promise to be verified that He will be in the midst of us. Then will our meetings become to us seasons of pure and holy enjoyment—seasons of refreshment—seasons in which we shall know our strength to be renewed. The importance of example on the part of those more advanced in life in manifesting to the younger, that they not only *attend* all our religious meetings, but that they are engaged to do so in a true spirit of devotion, was feelingly dwelt upon, and we were exhorted to be engaged, to be helpful one unto another in encouraging to the performance of this high duty. The examples of our forefathers, in the public worship of God, under great and varied difficulties, was brought instructively before us, and we were entreated to follow them, in this respect. As we meet aright we were reminded that these opportunities would become most desirable and precious to us—that we should rejoice on their recurrence, and should be prepared to say with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," and we should realize that to be permitted to worship and adore

Him is our highest privilege for the present life—our holiest hope for eternity; and that no one as he approached the termination of his pilgrimage on earth ever yet was found that felt any regret for the time he had devoted to the performance of religious duty, especially the worship of God. The importance of a frequent and daily reading of the Holy Scriptures was feelingly dwelt upon—its unspeakable benefits clearly set forth. We have not only Moses and the Prophets, but the further revelation that God has given us of his Son, as contained in the New Testament. These belong to us and to our children. If we prize not these, if we believe not these, neither would we believe though one should rise from the dead, and the charge remains imperative, ye shall teach them diligently to your children.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

In the afternoon, Friends again met and proceeded to read the remaining Queries and Answers. During this engagement much pertinent counsel was offered, encouraging Friends affectionately to watch over one another for good, to cultivate freedom of intercourse with each other, so that the younger may approach their older brethren in confidence, and be received with openness and cordiality, and that where any, from whatever cause, may depart from the wholesome order of our religious Society, that they may be so treated in restoring love that they may not be turned still further out of the way, but rather that they may be healed.

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The Committee on Correspondence is requested to prepare essays of returning minutes for our friends now in attendance of this meeting, with certificates from other Yearly Meetings, and present them at a future sitting.

Adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning, the 13th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. Representatives present except six.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in the various concerns that have claimed its attention, were approved by us, and the Friends appointed last year (with the exception of our Friend, Abraham Barker, deceased,) are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, and they are requested to act on our behalf, on all matters affecting the interests of Society, agreeably to the original organization of that meeting, as provided for in our Discipline.

The subject of making some provision whereby assistance may be extended to Friends concerned to attend this Yearly Meeting, whose circumstances may render it difficult for them to do so, claiming our attention, it is referred to the Meeting for Sufferings to act therein as way may open for after a careful consideration of the matter.

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The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians, located west of the Mississippi, presented the subjoined report, which was interesting and satisfactory, and claimed our solid consideration, and a feeling concern was manifested that we might be diligent in doing everything that may rightly be done to discharge our duty to this suffering portion of our fellow men.

The Committee is continued under appointment, and requested to act on our behalf in every way that may open in the Truth; and they are authorized to proceed in this concern, either alone or in conjunction with Committees of other Yearly Meetings, should such be appointed by them, and report to this Meeting, next year. The Clerk is requested to convey this information in the epistles to the several Yearly Meetings.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed last year to have charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting, in relation to the Indians west of the Mississippi river, report

That they have not been unmindful of the subject. Circumstanced as these native inhabitants, and original owners of the soil, now are, in relation to the tide of emigration flowing in upon them, both from the east and from the west, we believe they present an increasingly interesting object for commiseration and Christian sympathy.

A great responsibility lies upon the inhabitants of our land, and the government of our country, for the wrongs of the Indians. In the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, made at the last session of Congress, we find the following language:

"In the recent negotiations for their lands the Indians dwelt upon the former pledges and promises made to them, and were averse, generally, to the surrender of any portion of their country. They said that they were to have the land 'as long as grass grew or water run,' and they feared the result if they should consent to yield any part of their possessions. When they did consent to sell, it was only on the condition that each tribe should retain a portion of their tract as a permanent home. All were unitedly and firmly opposed to another removal. So fixed and settled was this idea, that propositions clearly for their interests, were rejected by them."

It is no cause of wonder or surprise that the Indians should feel and manifest these distrustful views. The history of their dealings with the white man, has too deeply taught them this lesson of distrust.

We think we cannot better convey the present prospects of many of the tribes, particularly those within the territory of Kanzas, than by quoting farther from the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, before referred to, as follows, viz.:

"The residence of the tribes who have recently ceded their lands should, therefore, be considered (subject in a few cases to a contraction of limits) as permanently fixed. Already the white population is occupying the lands between and adjacent to the Indian reservations, and even going west of and beyond them; and at no distant day all the country immediately to the west of the reserves, which is worth occupying, will have been taken up. And then the current of population, until within a few years, flowing only from the East, now comes sweeping like an avalanche from the Pacific coast, almost overwhelming the indigenous Indians in its approaches. It is, therefore, in my judgment, clear, beyond doubt or question, that the emigrated tribes in Kanzas Territory are permanently there—there to be thoroughly civilized, and to become a constituent portion of the population, or there to be destroyed and exterminated. What a spectacle for the view of the statesman, philanthropist, and Christian—a subject for the most profound consideration and reflection! With reservations dotting the eastern portion of the Territory, there they stand, the representatives and remnants of tribes once as powerful and dreaded as they are now weak and dispirited. By alternate persuasion and force, some of these tribes have been removed, step by step, from mountain to valley, and from river to plain, until they have been pushed half way across the continent. They can go no further; on the ground they now occupy the crisis must be met, and their future determined. Among them may be found the educated, civilized, and converted Indian, the benighted and inveterate heathen, and every intermediate grade. But there they are, and as they are, with outstanding obligations in their behalf of the most solemn and imperative character, voluntarily assumed by the government. Their condition is a critical one; such as to entitle them not only to the justice of the government, but to the most profound sympathy of the people. Extermination may be their fate, but not of necessity. By a union of good influences and proper effort, I believe they may, and will, be saved, and their complete civilization effected."

Such are the views presented respecting this interesting people by the officer of the government charged with the supervision of their affairs. The question then is an interesting one to Friends, what action or influence they can bring to bear upon the right side, on the side of humanity and Christian principles towards this people.

From New England, there have gone already many to settle in Kansas, and more will likely follow, to become the neighbors of these Indians. Much will depend upon the influence which these emigrants exert when there, and Friends in their respective neighborhoods may call the attention of such to the important considerations involved in the case. We cannot but hope that the principles of justice and mercy which, as we would believe prevail in New England, may be carried West, by those who go from this part of the country, and that these principles may be felt in their intercourse with the Indians, and in the legislation of the territory.

We trust also that it is in the power of Friends to exert an influence with the government of our country, with members of Congress and other persons in authority with whom they may be acquainted, and to induce them to do what they can to protect and foster the best interests of the Indians.

As a nation "we have," in the language of the Commissioner of Indian affairs, "to some extent, taken possession of the lands of these Indians, driven them from their cherished resting places, and destroyed the game, their only means of support. We should now aid and teach them to live without this resource or their destruction is inevitable."

The action of the Committee has been limited to some efforts with members of Congress, and with some who have influence in Kansas, and to correspondence with a friend resident in the territory.

From this correspondence, we think it will be interesting to Friends to have the following extracts: "The Indians of Kansas constitute one of its most striking and interesting features. There are about ten thousand within that portion of the terri-

tory, which will probably constitute the State of Kansas, consisting of the Kickapoos, Delawares, Wyandots, Shawnees, Peorias, Ottaways, Osages, Kansas, Sack and Foxes, Miames, Pottowotames, and some fragments of other tribes now nearly extinct. They are located on reservations all over the territory. The Shawnees, I believe, are differently situated from any others. By the late treaty with the United States Government, they are to have individual reservations, and the whites will be mingled among them. What the result of this intermingling will be upon the Indians, will depend upon the character of the settlers, and the laws regulating their conduct towards the Indians. I feel a deep and painful solicitude for the Indians in Kansas generally, in view of their being mingled up and surrounded by the whites. Lasciviousness, induced and fostered by worthless white men, and the love of ardent spirits, are their besetting sins, and under the direful influence of these evils, they are rapidly passing away. Every tribe, so far as I know, is decreasing, except the Ottoways, who banished liquor from their borders a few years ago, and since that time have been increasing."

In another part of this correspondence the Friend writes—"The only hope of salvation to the Indian from speedy extinction, is to become sober and civilized, and for this end I feel impelled to labor. None of the tribes which I have mentioned in this letter can any longer obtain a living by the chase, and the time is near at hand, when they must till the soil or perish. And here the question arises, how are they to be saved from speedy ruin? To my mind, nothing will accomplish the work but zealous Christian effort. Christians must be more devoted to earnest missionary labor."

Such are the views of those most familiar with this painfully interesting subject. We have embodied them in this report, that the Yearly Meeting might be aware of the present circumstances of this people, on whose account they have for many years been interested, and might now seek to know if any way

is open in the truth for Friends to labor for the best interests of a race for whom the Society has been long interested.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE.

NEWPORT, 6th month, 12th, 1855."

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—Met according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Boarding School Committee, and the consideration of the affairs of the Institution generally, made the following Report, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propositions made by the School Committee in their Report, and the affairs of the Boarding School generally, have met twice, and after a very free and full interchange of sentiment in relato the several matters referred to them, have united in reporting to the Yearly Meeting for their adoption, the following propositions, viz:

That the proposal of the School Committee respecting the indebtedness of the School Funds to the fund for the improvement of the real estate, called the farm fund, be approved, and the said indebtedness be discharged.

That the School Committee to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting at this time, be directed to look towards the opening of the School at the commencement of the winter term, and to make arrangements, so far as may be practicable, for such opening.

That Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable enquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars, proposing to enter the school, belonging to their respective meetings, and to such as said committees shall approve to give certificates, which certificates shall be required by the School Committee in order for admission.

That the charge per term be $40 for members of our Yearly

Meeting; $60 when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings; and $100 for any others that may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished as last year, at actual cost. It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

Applications for admission into the School, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, to be made as directed in the report of last year. Address, Superintendant Friend's Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Appended is a list of the names of Friends proposed to constitute the School Commitee for the ensuing year.

By direction of the Committee,

WM. C. TABER, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, 6th mo. 14, 1855."

Which is satisfactory, and our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, Jr., William C. Taber, Henry M. Minot, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Ebenezer Fry, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Thomas Harkness and James Dennis.

[*Women's Committee.*—Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Dorcas F. Tucker, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Lavinia Fry, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland,

Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mary A. Smith, Elizabeth Meader,] are appointed a Committee to unite with a similar Commmittee of the Women's Meeting, in attending to the various concerns of the Institution, to report to this meeting next year. The Report of the Boarding School Committee is as follows, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee charged with the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, Report

That the School has been continued in operation during the two terms of the last year. For the Summer term there were admitted one hundred and eighteen, and for the Winter term, one hundred and sixty-three scholars, nearly all of whom attended the school.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier have continued to render their acceptable services, as principals, assisted during the Summer term by William H. Varney, Charles A. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna McKeel and Parmelia C. Varney; and during the Winter term, by Timothy B. Hussey, Augustine Jones, Anna McKeel and Parmelia C. Varney; as teacher of Latin by George H. Marston, and of French by Adele Parrot. Elizabeth Prosser has been engaged as teacher of Needle-work and Drawing for both terms.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the school, and members have been deputed at these meetings, for the more immediate care of the schools and family during each month. By these means, we believe a pretty thorough knowledge of the affairs of the Institution and the state of the Schools has been obtained by the Committee, and these have been generally satisfactory.

Harmony has been maintained in the family, and orderly deportment observed with little exception. The progress of the scholars in their various studies has also been generally what could be desired. Meetings for worship on First Day mornings have been held in the school-house as heretofore.

Notwithstanding the extensive repairs and improvements which have, within a few years, been made upon the house and school premises, it has been found necessary during the year past, to make some farther expenditure for these objects. During the last summer a long continued and severe drouth occasioned a short supply of pure water, for which, to a considerable extent, the collection of rain water was depended on. A sufficient supply of this article being deemed indispensible, the Committee did not hesitate to carry out a plan, long contemplated, of bringing by iron pipes, raised by a force pumpt the water of the spring situated on the easterly part of the school lands, to the school-house. By this means the school was sufficiently supplied.

Other expenditures, which may be classed under the head of improvements, have also been necessarily provided for, amounting, with the water-works above mentioned, to about forty-five hundred dollars.

We believe that the state of the house and premises is now such, that little expenditure, other than for the ordinary current expenses of the school will be required for some time to come.

The accounts of the Institution have been audited and settled.

The receipts have been—

From the income of the School Fund, -	$6,897 74
From the Charitable Fund, - - - - -	431 25
From a Friend at Prince Edward's Island,	50 00
From Scholars, for Board, Tuition, Stationery, &c.,	12,362 30
Total receipts, - - - - - -	$19,741 29

The expenditures have been—

By the Treasurer, for Fire Insurance, - -	$165 00
Tax of 1853, - - - - - - - -	200 97
Payment for Board and Tuition of Scholars at the School from the Charitable Fund,	440 00

Interest on $6,500, borrowed from the Farm Fund, and on other indebtedness of the Institution,	707 95
Expense of copies of papers,	1 50
Payments by the Principal for the Support of the Institution, including salaries, wages, supplies for the family, farm expenses, repairs and improvements,	22,943 75
	$24,459 17

At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the Institution, exclusive of the sum borrowed from the Farm Fund was - - - - - - - $3,559 08

This indebtedness has been increased as will be seen by the preceding statement, during the last year, the sum of - - - - 4,717 88

Making the present debt - - - $8,276 96

The sum of four thousand four hundred and eighty-nine dollars, eighty-seven cents, of the expenditures and consequent increase of indebtednes, above mentioned, has arisen from the disbursements for repairs and improvements, a large part of which were made the previous year, but appear in the above account. Beside which will be found in the account of expenditures the sum of two hundred dollars, ninety-seven cents, for the Tax assessed upon the School premises, in 1853, and of seven hundred and seven dollars, ninety-five cents, for interest on the indebtedness of the Institution, including that paid to the farm fund. The latter charge will of course cease, when means shall be found to discharge this indebtedness. The subject of Taxes, presents a question of much interest to the future financial prospects of the School, and is one to which the close attention of the Committee has been directed.—What the result may be, is not yet decided.

It appears probable from the above statement of the accounts, that exclusive of interest, taxes, and improvements on the premises, the present prices of Board and Tuition would sustain the School.

In their report to the Yearly Meeting, in 1853, the School Committee proposed the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale of lands, north of Olney-street, authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, to the payment of the indebtedness incurred the preceding year, for the extensive repairs and improvements then made, the same to be considered in the light of a loan to the School Funds, the interest of which should be annually expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. This proposition was adopted by the Yearly Meeting; since that time, as well as previously, large expenditures have been made, for the objects to which the income of the above fund was concluded to be appropriated, much exceeding, together, the amount of the principal of the fund. We think it right, therefore, and accordingly propose that the appropriation of this fund shall no longer be considered as an item of indebtedness against the school funds; but that the principal having been expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate, the indebtedness of the school funds therefor shall be discharged.

At our Meeting, held 2d month, 27th, in view of the circumstances of the school, the following minute was adopted, viz.: "The present condition of the Institution, in its several relations and especially its pecuniary situation, coming under consideration at this time, it is the sense of this Committee, after very carefully and seriously weighing the matter, to propose to the Meeting for Sufferings, to vacate the School, from the close of the present term, until the time of our next Yearly Meeting, with a view to the further continuance of the same, if the Yearly Meeting approve; and the Clerk is requested to furnish the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings with a copy of this minute."

At our Meeting, held 4th month, 3d, we received from the Meeting for Sufferings the following minute, viz.:

"At a special meeting of the Meeting for Sufferings, held at Providence, 3d month, 9th, 1855, the following communication was at this time received from the Boarding School Committee, (referring to our minute above recited,) and after a time of de-

liberation thereon, in which this Meeting has endeavored to give the subject that solid consideration which its importance demands, it is concluded to accede to the proposition from the School Committee, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Committee with a copy of this minute."

"Extracted from the Minutes, Samuel Boyce, Clerk."

In accordance with these conclusions the School is now vacated, and we have agreed with Charles W. Earle, and his wife, Cynthia H. Earle, to give their services as steward and matron, to reside in the house, and have the care and keeping, and the general supervision of the lands, buildings and property belonging to the Institution, of every description; and we have authorized the said Charles W. Earle to hold the custody of the premises and property.

All of which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*

Newport, 6th mo., 9th, 1855."

The Committee on Correspondence presented Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings.

A Testimony of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Anthony, was read, approved, and directed to be recorded. A solemn covering was spread over us while the memory of our dear friend was thus brought with freshness before us—and while we deeply feel the loss the militant Church has sustained in his removal from it, yet we have the consoling confidence that to him is given a crown immortal.

A Testimony of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, approved by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Moses Wadsworth, was read, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded. The beloved subject of this Memoir was brought sweetly to our remembrance.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, 14th, the Meeting again assembled pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives present, except five.

The Committee on Education presented the following Report, and the care and interest manifested by the Committee in this important concern, are satisfactory to us. The same Friends are continued under appointment, and they are encouraged to pursue their labors in promoting the literary, moral, and religious education of our youth.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

"The Committee on the concern of this Meeting upon the subject of Education, Report: That they have not been unmindful of the object of their appointment, and although no opening has appeared to an extended field for active service, yet they have endeavored, by individual exertion, as opportunities have been afforded, to increase and diffuse an interest in the minds of Friends, upon this important subject.

As in former years, circulars were addressed to the several Monthly Meetings, calling for statistical and other information, to all of which answers have been received; and from these the following summary has been compiled, viz:

Number of children within the compass of the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 4 and 16 years,	1225
Ditto, between 16 and 21 years,	479
Monthly Meeting School,	1
Preparative Meeting School,	1
Family Schools,	7
Friends' children attending Friends' School, exclusively as such,	170
Do. attending mixed Schools,	1255
First Day Schools taught the past year under the care of Friends,	24
Average continuance of these Schools, five months.	
Number of children attending the same,	540
Do. do. do. who are members of our Religious Society,	358

By a comparison of the above statistics with the information received last year, a slight diminution will appear, both in the number and in the attendance of select schools. We have, however, reason to believe that an unabated interest is still felt by Friends for the guarded education of our children, and that a strong desire pervades the minds of many parents to embrace such opportunities as their circumstances and situation may afford, for the right training of their beloved offspring, and a solicitude that while their susceptible minds are being stored with knowledge, that the seeds of piety and virtue may be implanted therewith. We would encourage Friends in this undertaking, and believe that the acquisition of this important object is well worth every sacrifice which it may call for.

We observe that the number of First Day Schools now in operation is reported less than last year. When we consider the advantages which would undoubtedly result to the youth of our Society from the regular attendance of these Schools, it is not without a feeling of disappointment that we learn that less than one-fourth of the number of children amongst us are in the enjoyment of the benefits which these opportunities for instruction are calculated to afford. We believe, however, that a number of Friends are in the frequent practice of collecting their children in the family circle for scriptural instruction, and in this practice we would encourage parents who may be unable on account of their isolated siuation in their respective neighborhoods to associate their children in a school capacity, for the purpose of imparting to their tender charge, a knowledge, not only of the bible, but also of those principles and doctrines, which have ever distinguished our Religious Society. We learn that a number of First Day Schools will soon be opened, in addition to those now in operation, and from the renewed interest which appears now to have been awakened upon the subject, we are not without hopes that an increased number of First Day scholars may be reported next year.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY T. WOOD, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, 6th mo., 14, 1855."

The Committee, on the concern of this Meeting, for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, having prepared an address to these tribes, it was read and approved, and referred to the same Committee for careful revision, and to dispose of in such manner as way may open for in the Truth, in order to produce the beneficial effects intended thereby, and the Clerk of this meeting, together with the Committee, is authorized to sign it on our behalf.

The Committee of this Meeting, to extend some care to the Penobscot and Passammaquadda tribes of Indians, made a report which is satisfactory to us, giving evidence that the attention of Friends to this people continues to be salutary, and the Committee now under appointment is continued, and they are authorized to draw fifty dollars from the Treasury and appropriate it to the aid of a School among the latter tribe, and they are also at liberty to apply the appropriation made last year (not yet called for) to the general object of our concern, or in such manner as the Committee may deem best. The report is as follows, viz.:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING, NOW SITTING:

The Committee having charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquaddy Indians, Report: That attention has been given to the object of our appointment, and that a gradual improvement in husbandry and in their domestic comforts is apparent among them.

A school has been kept in successful operation among the Penobscots for six months of the past year. The number of scholars in attendance has been near fifty. Their conduct and improvement are reported to have been satisfactory and encouraging, and we are informed that the Legislature of Maine have made further appropriations with a view of establishing a school further up the river. It appears to us, that these two schools must exert a very healthy influence in the tribe.

The Legislature have also appropriated one hundred dollars with a view to an attempt to establish a school among the Pas-

sammaquaddy tribe. We think the encouragement of Friends, in setting up this school, may be much needed, and if the Yearly Meeting would appropriate a small sum, say fifty dollars, to further this concern, it would correspond with the views of the Committee, as these Indians have to depend very much for their resources upon the sales of their timber, which is annually lessening in amount.

The small sum left by the Meeting last year, subject to the draft of the Committee, has not been used, and we would propose that it should be left for that purpose the present year.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES,
JOHN MEADER,
ELI JONES.

NEWPORT, 6th mo., 14, 1855."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Thomas Willis, and similar ones for our friends Nathaniel Sands, David Hunt, Isaac Jay, Mary Ann Fisher and Phebe Bishop, viz.:

"Our beloved friend, Thomas Willis, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Luke Thomas, and similar ones for our friends William P. Barker, Sarah T. Barker, Sarah Ann Hunt and Eli Haines, viz.:

"Our beloved friend Luke Thomas attended this meeting.—His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

By the epistles from two Yearly Meetings we have received the following information in relation to correspondents, viz.:

For Ohio Yearly Meeting the Correspondents are Isaac Parker, Greenbury G. Plummer. Address, Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio; and, Jesse Kenworthy, Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

REDSTONE QUARTER.

David Miller for Redstone and Providence Monthly Meeting, and Jesse Kenworthy for Westland Monthly Meeting; address of both, Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

SHORT CREEK QUARTER.

James Kinsey for Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio. Matthew Watson for Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Richmond, Jefferson County, Ohio. George Smith for Flushing Monthly Meeting, Smyrna, Harrison County, Ohio.

SALEM QUARTER.

Edward Jenkins for Salem, Middletown and Carmel Monthly Meeting; address, Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio. John Johnson for New Garden Monthly Meeting, New Garden, P. O., Columbiana County, Ohio.

SPRINGFIELD QUARTER.

Benjamin Stanley for Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting; address Damascoville, Columbiana County, Ohio. James Enloes for Marlborough Monthly Meeting, Marlborough, Stark County, Ohio. Garret Pim for Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting, East Rochester, Columbiana County, Ohio.

CHANGES IN NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING.

In Westbury Quarterly Meeting, William Cromwell for New York Monthly Meeting, in place of Mahlon Day, deceased; address, New York.

In Butternuts Quarterly Meeting, for New Hartford Monthly Meeting, Robert Townsend in place of Forris Kellogg, deceased; address, Rome, Oneida County, New York; and Henry Bull for Butternuts Monthly Meeting, in place of Joseph Tabor, deceased; address, West Oneonto, Otsego County, New York.

In Cornwall Quarterly Meeting, for Cornwall Monthly Meeting, James T. Greene, in place of Jonathan Thorne; address Cornwall, Orange County, New York.

In Pelham Quarterly Meeting, for Pelham Monthly Meeting, Jacob Garner, Jr., in place of John Beram; address Port Robinson, Welland County, Canada West.

In Adrian Quarterly Meeting, for Adrian Monthly Meeting, Nathan Chase, in place of David Steer; address, Adrian, Lenawee County, Michigan.

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore and North Carolina, prepared by the Committee on Correspondence, were now read, and being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Committee to cause a reprint of the London General Epistle, report that the service has been accomplished.

The Clerk is requested to cause three thousand copies of the Minutes of this Meeting printed, as last year.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes, not already directed.

Having now disposed of the various concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention at this Yearly Meeting, in unity and love, and having been mercifully favored to witness from day to day, as we humbly believe, the wing of ancient goodness spread over us to our great comfort, desiring to ascribe all praise unto our Heavenly Father, we now come to a solemn conclusion of our Meeting, proposing to assemble again, at this place, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*